

Scoil Náisiúnta Chaisleáin Uí Liatháin

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Nuachtlitir

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- **Primary Language Curriculum – Inservice:** As previously flagged in Issue 08/ 2019 Newsletter, the school will close on **Friday 6th March 2020 at 11.00 am** for the purpose of teacher in-service on the Primary Language Curriculum. There will be a further early closure during Term 3 for the same purpose, date yet to be decided.
- **An Chéad Fhaoistin:** The children in Rang 2 celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the First Time last week in St. Nicholas' church. We congratulate the children and their parents & families and extend a huge "Thank You" to Miss Forde, their teacher, Fr Coleman PP, Fr Marek, Lynda Presta (SNA – art work), Carmel Ryan our secretary and John McCarthy our caretaker, who helped in various ways organising this ceremony. Go raibh míle maith agaibh.
We wish Rang 2, their parents, families and Miss Forde the best of luck with the preparations for First Communion which will take place on Saturday 16th May at 11.00 am in St Nicholas' church. Gach ádh!
- **Catholic Schools Week:** We celebrated Catholic Schools Week at the end of January throughout the school and all pupils participated in and attended Mass in the church on Tuesday 28th January as part of that celebration. Miss Forde (Teacher - Rang 2) organised a very enjoyable "Grandparents' Day" as part of the celebration on Thursday 30th January, (Míle buíochas Miss Forde). The children gave their grandparents a "guided tour" of their classroom as well as interviewing them about *their* schooldays. Then they performed a lovely poem prepared by Miss Forde and the children before transferring to the Halla for refreshments (prepared by Carmel our secretary – míle buíochas Carmel). We were then entertained by Mr Cremin's Rang 6 who sang "Red is the Rose" with beautiful harmony and the works! (Míle buíochas Mr Cremin). A sincere "Thank You" to all grandparents who attended but we do understand that not all grandparents could be present for various reasons. We hope you enjoyed your visit. Celebrating Catholic Schools Week is an important aspect of promoting the Catholic Ethos in our school.
- **Safer Internet Day (Máirt 11ú Feabhra):** We held a Poster Competition on the theme of Internet Safety to mark Safer Internet Day yesterday. Congratulations to the prize winners, Kealan Lynch (Le Chéile), Diarmuid Ó hUallachain(Jnr Inf.), Mae Quirke (Snr. Infants), Sophie Delea (Rang 1), Aoibhe McAuliffe (Rang 2), Ella Burke (Rang 3), Emer Hallihan (Rang 4), Eoin Corrigan (Rang 5) and Zach Shanahan (Rang 6) who each won a €10 Book Voucher for Fermoy Book Shop which was kindly sponsored by our Parents' Association (Míle buíochas for the sponsorship and also for adjudicating the poster competition). This is an important topic, one which is highlighted by teachers in our school regularly as part of our SPHE (Social, Personal and Health Education Programme). For information on how parents can help their children keep safe on the internet please visit www.webwise.ie. Thank you to Ms O'Connor (Deputy Principal) for co-ordinating this event. (Please see our school Blog for the winning posters).
- **Health Eating / Health Promoting School:** We remind parents of the continued importance of promoting healthy eating habits and healthy lifestyles among your children. We intend to continue with our drive on healthy eating in the school this year as part of our Health Promoting School Policy but we can only achieve this with your support encouragement so **we request that treats are not given to children in their lunches, but instead, more nutritious food.** Chocolate (in any form), biscuits (of any sort), crisps, chewing gum, lollipops, fizzy drinks, glass bottles or cans are not allowed. Food containing nuts / nut traces and shell fish are not allowed as some children have severe allergies. Thanking you in advance for your co-operation and support. Bí sláintiúil le bia sláintiúil!

Now that spring is here, we encourage parents and pupils to get back to WOW (Walk on Wednesdays) and while it might not be feasible or safe for you or your child to walk from home, it may be possible to walk from the Community Centre or from the church or car pool with your neighbour. This would support our Green School initiative also.

- **Lúthchleasa Bhunscoileanna Chorcaí / Primary Schools Sports:** The school will participate in the Cork Primary Schools Sports again this year, which will be held on **Fri. May 29th in CIT**, (further details later). However, in order to participate in the sports, we are required to sell tickets for the purpose of defraying some of the running costs. Each family from will receive an allocation of 2 tickets @ €2.00 each. **Please return all ticket stubs and money on or before next Monday (17th February). All unsold tickets should also be returned.** Trials for this event will be held before Easter so be practicing at home, a pháistí so as to be at your fittest on the day of the trials! Is fearr rith maith ná drochsheasamh!
- **Bóthar na nGabhar / Fly a Goat to Africa:** As Lent begins the week after February mid-term (i.e. Ash Wednesday 26th February), the school will participate in the “Bóthar na nGabhar - Fly a Goat to Africa” scheme again this year. Raffle tickets will be sold each day during Lent at a cost of 50c each and a raffle will be held on the morning of the Easter Holidays, (Friday 3rd April), to name the goat. We’ll also hold a draw for an Easter egg for each class as a reward for the children’s efforts. Our target for the goat is €300 and we will divide any surplus money among other worthy charities.
- **Fichille/Chess:** Comhghairdeas to our chess teams who took part in a local primary schools chess tournament held in Scoil Bhríd Rathcormac recently. Our teams from Rang 1/2 and Rang 5/6 got 1st place in their category and Rang 3/4 who got 2nd place. Well done to Ms Murphy (and Ms O’Connor) for the work they put in coaching the children and mile buíochas to Ms Murphy who accompanied the children on the day and who co-ordinated our school teams. Maith sibh!
- **Fundamental Movement Skills:** I’m sure you’ve heard in the media recently of the large percentage of children who have not developed fundamental movement skills like running properly, skipping, hopping, jumping, throwing and catching a ball, etc. These basic skills need to be mastered before children move on to developing more complex skills. We, for our part, make every effort to develop these skills in school but we need the support of parents to practice these skills also at home so that they are fully developed among our pupils.
- **Aistriú ón mBunscoil go dtí an Mheánscoil (Transition from Primary to Post-Primary):** I wish to direct parents, particularly parents of children in the senior classes, to Folens Publisher’s website, www.folens.ie where you can download a booklet entitled “Transition from Primary to Post Primary: A Guide for Parents”, which may be helpful and of interest to you.
- **Gairdín Scoile:** We hope to start on developing our School Garden shortly from the generous donation we received from Castlelyons 1916 / 2016 Commemoration Committee. We have engaged the expertise of Eoin Keane (Deerpark) to lay out and do the initial ground work etc. Mile buíochas to the Commemoration Committee for the donation and to Ms Fox, the School Garden development co-ordinating teacher.
- **Trath na gCeist:** Well done to all the children who participated recently at various Quizzes and represented our school. (i) Synergy Credit Union Quiz held in Gaelscoil de Híde. Those participating included: 4th, 5th & 6th class children.
(ii) Know your Nature Quiz held in the Corrin Event Centre: Our 5th/6th class teams placed 1st & 2nd and our 3rd/4th class team also placed 1st.
(iii) Ballyhooly N S Quiz: Those participating included: 3rd and 5th class children.
Maith sibh, a pháistí!
- **Turasanna Scoile:** Now that all classes have decided where they are going on their school tour this year, we encourage children to save up for the cost of the tour themselves and remember they can pay in instalments of €5 or €10.

- **Scór na bPáistí:** Well done to the children from Rang 5/6 who participated in Scór na bPáistí held in Lisgoold Community Centre recently. Participants included Aoife O'Mahony, Abbie O'Brien, Anna McMurtry and Nadine Sice (Rang 6) & Caoimhe Grey Walsh (Rang 5) (Ballad Group), Anna McMurtry - Solo Singing. Maith sibh, a pháistí! A special "well done" to our quiz team, Aaron Murphy (Rang 6) Ryan Stack, Gearóid McCarthy (Rang 5) and Seán Myers (Rang 4) who got into in the semi-finals which will be held next weekend in Lisgoold

Parents' Association News

- **Bake Sale:** We are holding a fund-raising **Bake Sale** in the **school hall this Friday, 14th February (St. Valentine's Day) from c.10 a.m. to c.12 noon**. Children can bring money on the day to purchase baking. Cakes are 50c each (4 cakes max per pupil). As we are a Green School we encourage children to bring an extra lunch box for carrying their yummy cakes. We would greatly appreciate if baking could be dropped to the school that morning. Thanking you in advance for your support.
- **Clothes' Collection:** A total of 200 bags were received from the clothes' collection held recently. We'd like to thank everybody who dropped clothes and anyone else who helped in any way.
- As we are on Facebook, we invite all parents to check regularly and share this link <https://facebook.com/castlelyonsPA/>
- **Next meeting: Thursday 27th February @7.30 pm** in the **school hall**. All are welcome.

Dúnadh Scoile / School Closures:

- **February Mid-Term Break:** School closed Thursday 20th & Friday 21st February.
- The school will close on **Friday 6th March at 11.00 am**. (for the purpose of teacher in-service on the Primary Language Curriculum).
- The school will be closed on **Monday 16th & Tues. 17th March** (Lá 'le Pádraig)
- **Saoire na Cásca / Easter Holidays** – School closes on Friday 3rd April (Half day: 12 noon) (School re-opens on Monday 20th April)

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Nelius de Róiste (Príomhoide)